Statistical modeling of hydraulic design loads

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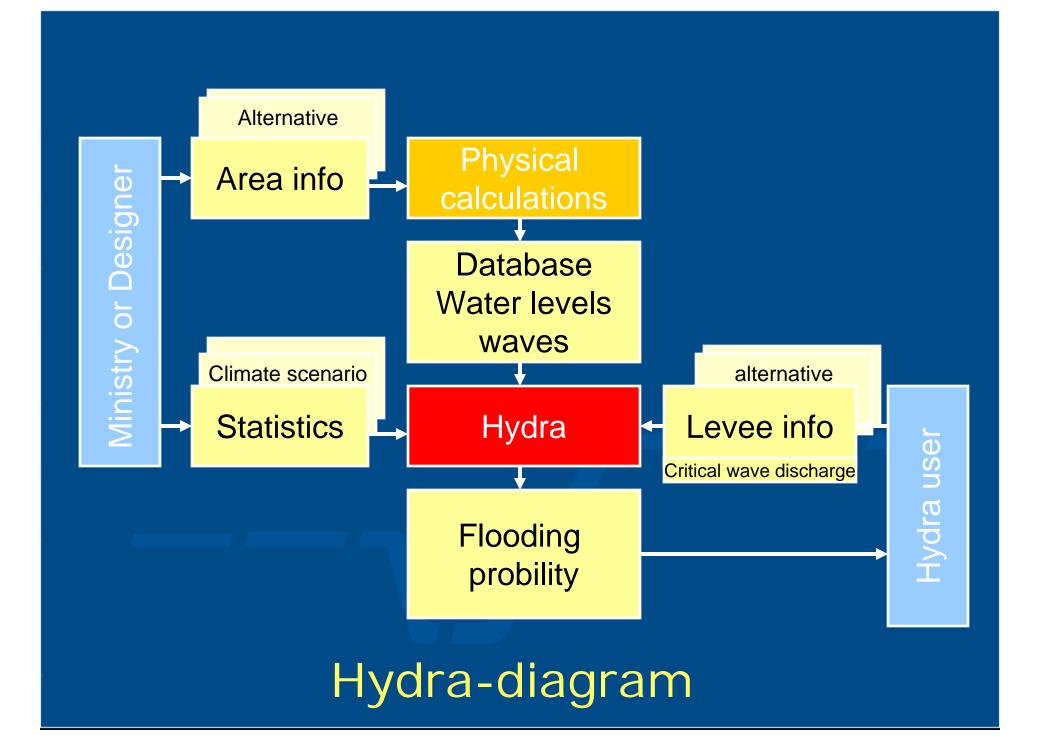
- Small company (50 persons, 80% academic)
- Founded in 1995
- Focus on probabilistic methods in flood risk management (assessment of probabilities, economic damage, costbenefit analysis)
- Multiple disciplines: civil engineering, mathematics, programming,
- Collaboration with universities (supporting professor in risk analysis of water systems, PhD students, MSc students)

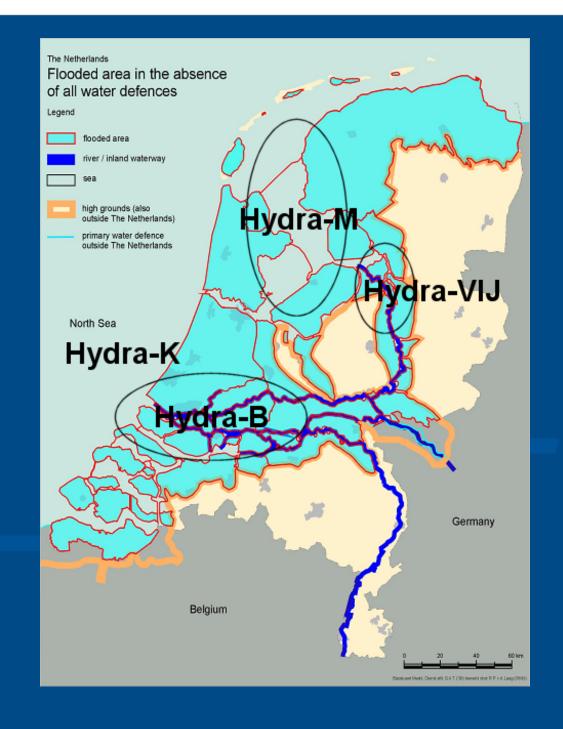
Topics

- The concept of probabilistic assessment
- Stochastic variables
- Example: HYDRA-B

Probabilistic assessment

- Combination of physical models and statistics
- Main issue: how to combine the stochastic variables with different time scales?
- Stochastic variables not always independent
- Each system has its properties and requires different approach





Four Hydra-programs

- COAST: Hydra-K (correlation between water levels and wind)
- TIDEL-RIVER: Hydra-B (tidel time scale and river time scale, correlation between wind speed and sea water level)
- LAKE: Hydra-M (water levels, wind set-up and waves)
- LAKE-RIVER: HYDRA VY (water levels, wind set-up, river discharge)

Hydra-B: tidal – river area

The probabilistic model takes the following variables into account:

- Rhine discharge
- Meuse discharge
- Sea water level
- The wind speed over the area
- The wind direction over the area
- Failure of storm surge barriers



Hydra-B

Assessment program for the height of flood defences in the tidal river area of The Netherlands

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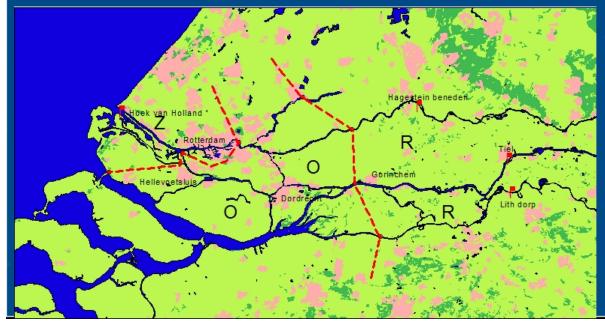
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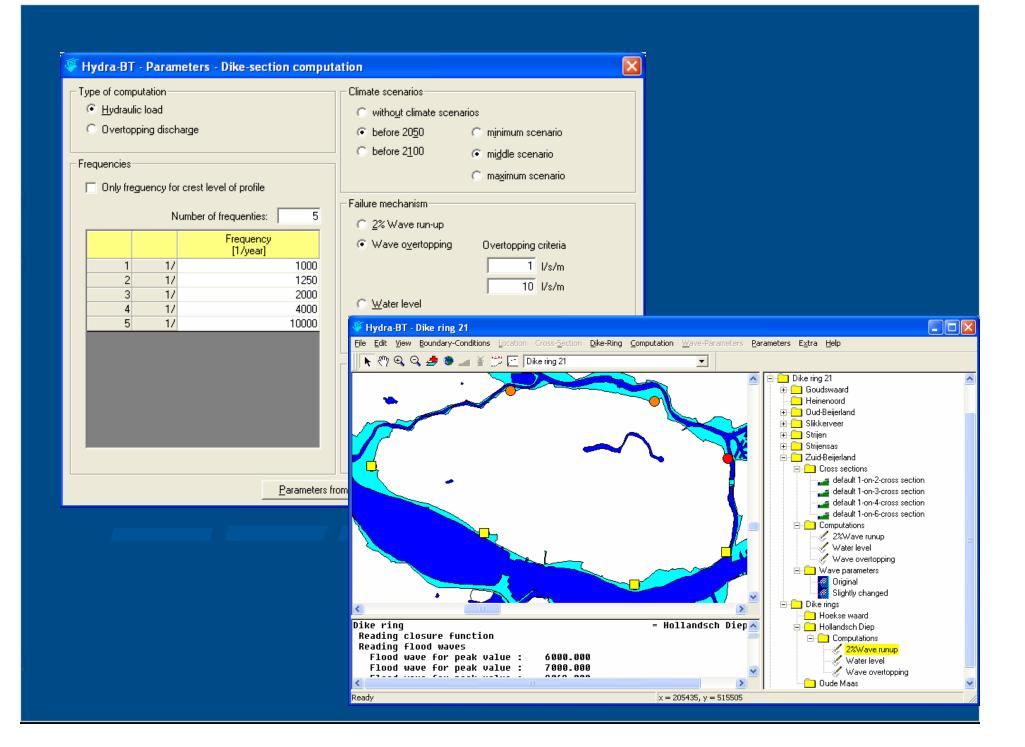


Three areas

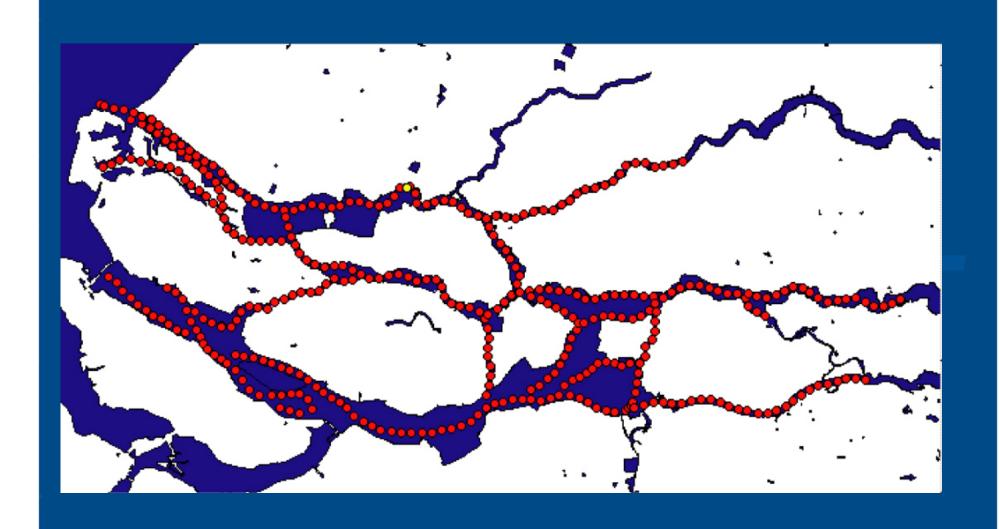
- The sea area. Storm floods and high wind speeds and cause wind generated waves
- The river area. Extreme discharges, wind speeds are not very high
- The transition area. Not only tidal storms



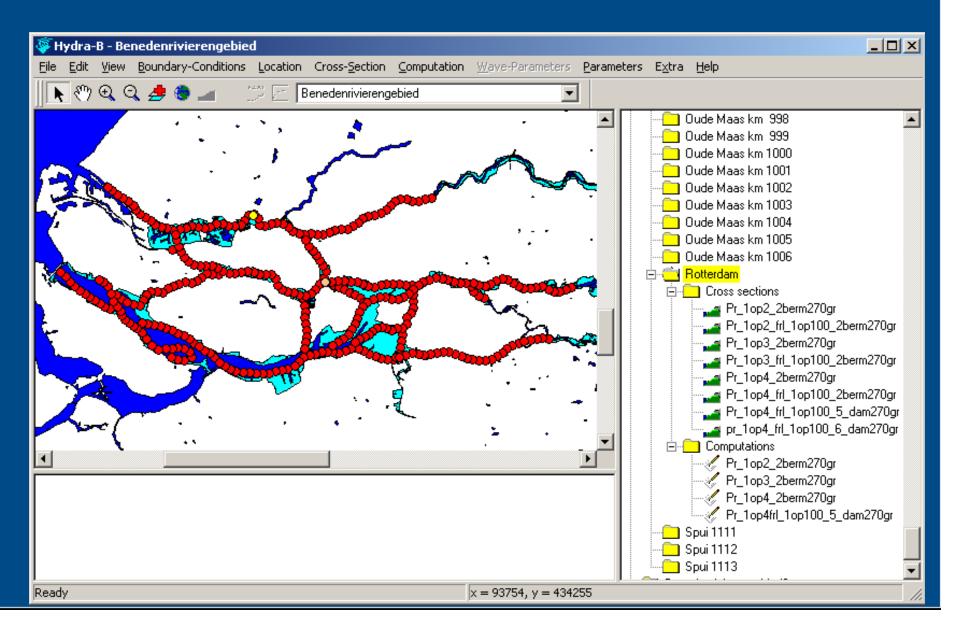
and high wind speeds, but also high discharges



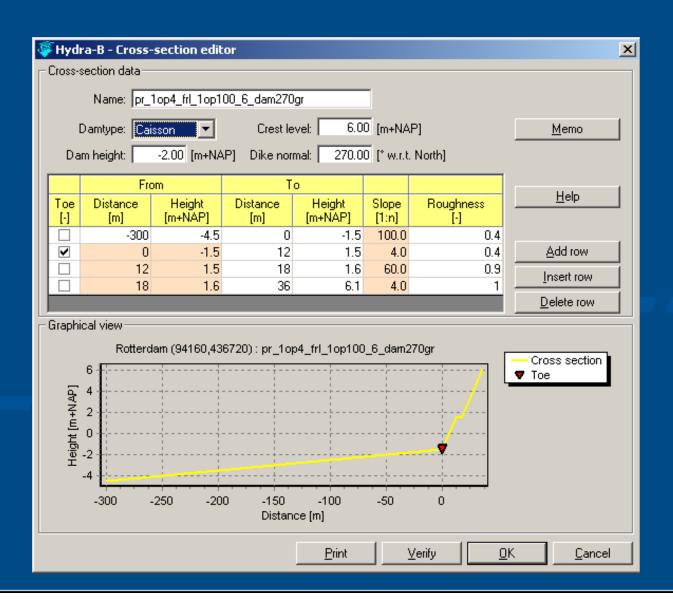
GIS information (location points)



Main screen



Cross-section editor



Example of output

